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**CFAC Responds to Site Listing on National Priorities List**

Columbia Falls, MT, September 7, 2016--Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) notes the announcement by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stating the CFAC site will be placed on the National Priorities List, and a notice of this decision will appear in Friday's Federal Register.

"Needless to say, we are disappointed and believe listing the site is not in the best interest of the project or the community," said John Stroiazzo, CFAC Project Manager. "The Superfund process does not benefit the project at this time and changes nothing during the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS), a process that was agreed to in the language of the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC)."

Stroiazzo added CFAC negotiated with the EPA to include language in the AOC for the investigation of the CFAC site that would have allowed the property to be addressed under the Superfund Alternative Process (SAP). CFAC believes that if the site had been addressed under the SAP, it would have enhanced the opportunities to redevelop the site in a much faster timeframe and allow it to contribute to the local economy.

"We do appreciate the community and the many who expressed their opinion that the agency should postpone the listing. Although a dissimilar decision was made by the federal government, CFAC and its team remain committed to the AOC and will conduct our work in a professional and safe manner. The company also will continue to keep the community informed throughout this process," Stroiazzo concluded.